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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Examiner:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 - 48 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

(New) A method for performing a lottery ticket transaction, comprising: generating merchandise information; transmitting a request for a lottery ricket; receiving lottery ticket information; and printing the lottery ticket information on a) receipt.

(New) The method of claim 49, in which the step of printing comprises: 50. printing the lottery ticket information and the merchandise information on the receipt.